

## BELGIUM INVADIED; GERMAN FORCE SEIZES THE RAILROAD

LONDON, Aug. 4.—In an official statement issued from the French embassy, it is announced that a German army, proceeding from Cologne, has invaded Belgium at Verviers. The Germans are declared to have seized the railroad and to be advancing in force preceded by armored trains flanked by motorcycle corps.

### CONCENTRATE ON BELGIUM FRONTIER.

PARIS, Aug. 4.—Word that German troops had set foot on Belgium soil aroused the greatest excitement here. It was semi-officially announced however, that the French war ministry had prepared for such a contingency. It is assumed here that French troops have been concentrated along the Belgian border.

### GERMANS DROP BOMBS; 15 FRENCH KILLED.

PARIS, Aug. 4.—German aviators killed fifteen soldiers and badly damaged the historic town of Luneville in the department of Meurthe, at Moselle early today. In the early hours of the morning a big Zeppelin dirigible sailed out of the fog, and, dropping bombs, demolished part of the embankments of the fortifications and killed fifteen soldiers.

## GREAT BATTLE IS BEGUN ON FRENCH FRONTIER NEAR METZ

PARIS, Aug. 4.—The German army of invasion which crossed the frontier from Metz at Mars et Tour, scene of the battle of Vionville during the Franco-Prussian war, was attacked by French troops today. Fighting is reported in progress between skirmishing parties and a general engagement is looked for.

The German forces are said to include cavalry, infantry, and artillery, and the officials of the war office say that they believe this is the advance guard of the main German army that will try to take Paris.

It had been expected that a general invasion of the province of Meurthe et Moselle would be the first offensive movement undertaken and the reports from Mars et Tour have confirmed that belief.

A strong French army is in the direct path that the Germans must take and it is believed that an important battle cannot be avoided.

The town is fourteen miles west by south of Germany's strong fortress at Metz.

### FRENCH ENVOY QUITS BERLIN.

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—Following the formal declaration of war, the French ambassador and his staff departed for the frontier after placing the affairs of his embassy in the hands of the American ambassador, James W. Gerard, who, in accordance with arrangements previously made, will act for France during the war.

### VISCOUNT MORLEY QUITS BRITISH CABINET.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Further clearance of the British cabinet of members opposed to the war policy of the government came today when Viscount Morley, president of the council, submitted his resignation. John Burns, president of the local government board, resigned last night because of his inability to agree with the policy decided upon.

### TURKEY MOBILIZING ARMY; MAY AID KAISER.

ATHENS, Aug. 4.—It is officially stated that the Turkish government has ordered the mobilization of its army. The announcement says that the action is taken as a precautionary movement. Despite this there is a general belief that Turkey has an arrangement with Germany whereby she will assail Serbia, thus releasing most of the Austrian army to act against Russia.

### GERMANS SEIZE \$20,000,000 OF RUSSIAN GOLD.

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—German military officers at Stuttgart reported to the war office today their seizure of \$20,000,000 in gold, consigned to Russia. The gold was part of a shipment forwarded to Russian banks for use of the Czar's government.

### ENGLAND FORBIDS EXPORTATION OF STORES.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—An official decree issued today prohibits the exportation of war stores of any character. It was made public in picturesque fashion by the Crier of the house of commons, who in full regalia read it to the crowd assembled in front of the steps leading to the royal exchange.

### "Gold Ship's" Return Ends 2 Congressmen's Trips

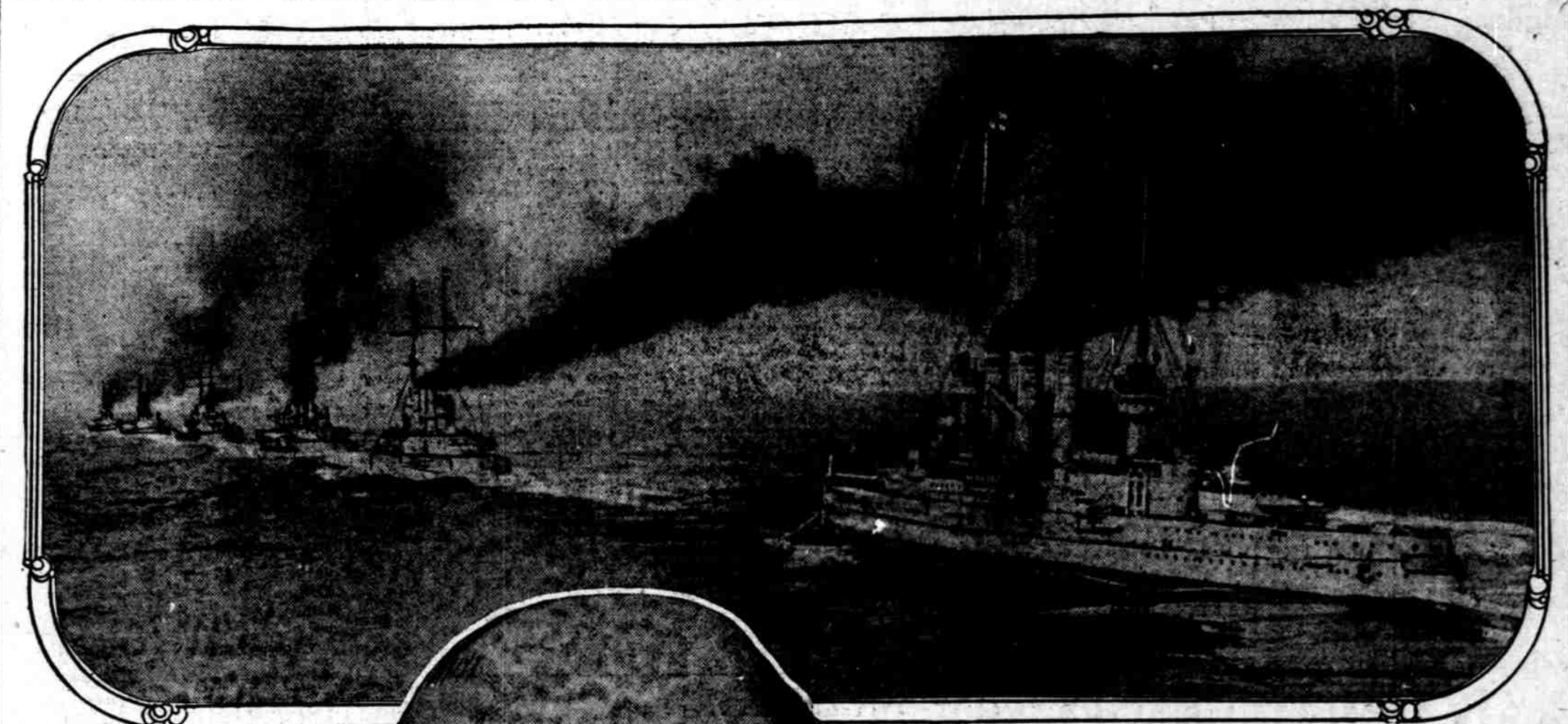
Two members of the House are aboard the North German Lloyd "gold ship," the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, which steamed back to the Maine coast today rather than run the risk of attempting to make a German port. Congressman Richard Bartholdt of Missouri, a consistent peace advocate and delegate to the approaching peace conference of the Interparliamentary Union in Stockholm, took passage on the ship last week. Congressman Bartholdt of Pennsylvania is another passenger whose prospective European tour has been interrupted by the war, and the return of the German liner.

Congressman Steiengart left a few days in advance of Congressman Bartholdt and Bartholdt, and it is understood that he has reached Stockholm. On account of the unsettled ocean traffic conditions, it is probable that Congressman Bartholdt and Bartholdt will be forced to return to Washington from Bar Harbor and abandon their plans for a summer abroad.

### Money Orders Cut Off.

International money order business with Belgium was indefinitely suspended today by the Postoffice Department.

## GERMAN DREADNOUGHTS SEEN IN BATTLE FORMATION



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These Warships Are of the Deutschland Type, Germany's Crack \$6,000,000 Fighting Machines.

## WILL ASK \$2,500,000 TO AID AMERICANS

The United States Government arrived at definite plans for relieving distress of Americans marooned abroad today. Announcement was made by the White House that Congress will be asked to appropriate \$2,500,000 to be disbursed by Government agents abroad among American refugees.

The Navy Department this afternoon ordered the United States armored cruiser Tennessee to leave New York tomorrow night carrying between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 for relief of Americans in the war zone. The money includes State Department funds and money advanced by New York bankers and express companies.

The Tennessee was selected because of its speed. Secretary Daniels announced that no one but the regular officers manning the navy vessel will be permitted to go aboard her. No accommodation was made for newspapermen or photographers.

What ports she will make depends upon the attitude of foreign governments. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt said: "The United States had to practically take the foreign governments at what ports the ship could dock."

Other ships will probably be ordered abroad following the Tennessee. Adolf F. Miller, Federal Reserve Board member, and chairman of the relief committee appointed today, is to make the necessary transportation arrangements to bring stranded American tourists home.

Congress will be asked to empower Secretary McAdoo to appoint fiscal agents in Europe to supervise disbursements of the \$2,500,000 fund for the relief of Americans who have letters of credit or checks, but cannot get them cashed, and those with no funds.

Emergency Bill Signed.  
President Wilson today signed the emergency appropriation bill providing \$250,000 for the immediate use of stranded Americans.

Without waiting for the bill to be acted upon, however, Secretary Bryan had ordered the division of the funds among various American consulates. All diplomatic and consular representatives were cabled overnight to get in touch immediately with all Americans in their vicinity and to notify the State Department wherever they could be of aid.

The plan for bringing Americans home and providing them with money for their immediate wants was decided on at a conference which lasted until nearly midnight between Secretary Bryan, Secretary McAdoo, Counselor General Department, Benjamin F. Strong, of the Bankers' Trust Company of New York, and Attorney Patterson, of the American Trust Company.

After decision was reached to place Adolf Miller in charge of the plan, it was announced that Mr. Miller will once get in touch with steamship companies to arrive at a plan for getting transportation for the Americans. American coastwise vessels may be pressed into service and be sent to England, France, and Germany ports for the refugees.

W. W. Jeffries, general traffic manager of the American Mercantile Marine, E. H. Duff, Washington attorney for the company, and R. N. Hicks, the Washington agent, spent half an hour in conference with Secretary Bryan discussing means of transportation. No decision was reached.

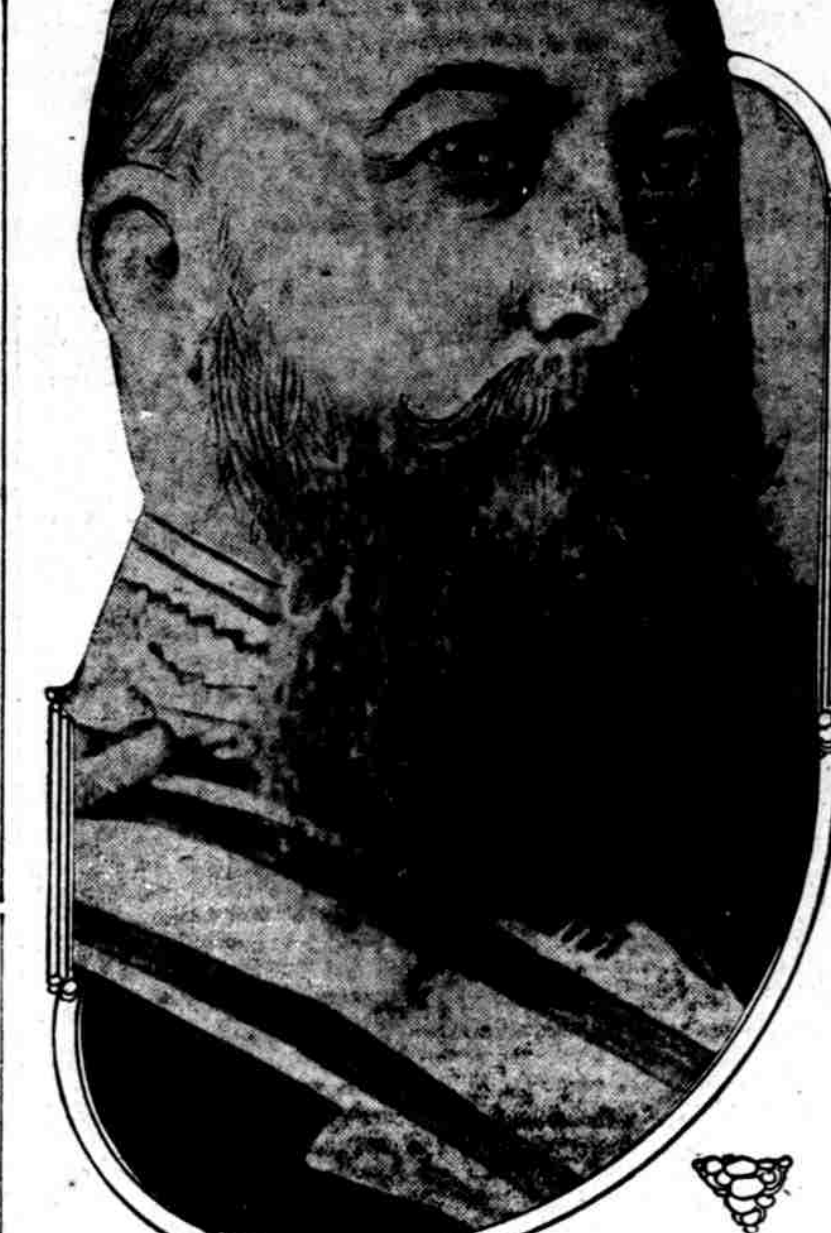
Final details of the relief work, following out the Government's plan, were arranged at a conference between Secretary of War Garrison, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, Counselor General, and Adolf Miller. Completed plans will be announced later in the day.

Money continued to pour into the State Department from relatives and friends of Americans in Europe. It was cabled abroad and exchanged for State Department orders. A total of \$400,000 has been deposited for this purpose. Several bankers in New Jersey and New York cities telegraphed the State Department asking whether they could send money abroad. The department advised them to permit all funds to go through the department until other methods are devised.

All energies are being concentrated now in completing the plan for the chartering of a gold ship to supply tourists with cash and for obtaining boats to bring them home. This is considered the gravest problem the war has brought this nation.

Full membership of the relief board appointed to look after the interests of Americans is:

A. C. Miller, chairman, member of the Federal Reserve Board; Adrian H. Boole, of the Interstate Commerce Commission; Franklin Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Assistant Secretary of War Garrison; Captain Bristol of the Navy Department; General Alekhine, of the War Department; Third Assistant Secretary of State Phillips, E. P. Bicknell, of the American Red Cross, and Robert Rose, of the State Department.



HIGH ADMIRAL ALFRED P. T. VON TIRPITZ,  
Commander of the Kaiser's Naval Forces.

### Urges House Quorum During War Period

Members of the House are expected to remain in Washington and respond to roll calls "until we can see further into the future," according to an announcement made by the majority leader, Mr. Underwood, whose insistence that a quorum be maintained is due to the critical situation in Europe.

"I do not think it safe, under existing conditions, to remain here without a quorum," said Mr. Underwood. "I have only praised those members who have stayed here during the summer months and answered roll calls, and have been on the job. They deserve the commendation of the country and their constituents. But I think the members who have been absent for the greater part of the last two months should be willing to take their turn at the wheel."

Speaker Clark also added a word of warning saying that the next time the House found itself without a quorum would suggest the issuance of warrants to bring in the missing ones. "Members will be arrested and held in custody until they do their duty," he said. "It will not add to a member's respectability to be absent."

### British Naval Strength Protects U. S. Exports

Upon the supremacy of the British navy depends the only hope of the United States that ships will be available for the transportation of American exports during the war, experts here believe.

The British battleship fleet is regarded as mighty and it is expected that it will be sweeping the seas of all the vessels of the German fleet, which with England not embroiled would be sweeping the seas of all the vessels of the German fleet. In combination with the French fleet, it is believed here, the British fleet will not only be able to spare enough ships to protect the commerce of England and her allies, France, but also will be able to spare enough ships to protect the commerce of the United States.

### Report German Ship Held.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—According to the Press Association, an English news agency, the German steamer Prinz Adalbert has been ordered into Falmouth harbor by a British warship. It was earlier reported that the Kronprinzessin Cecilie was there, but this is believed to have been due to a confusion of her identity with the Prinz Adalbert.

## U. S. TO RE-ESTABLISH FOREIGN EXCHANGE

With the financial situation in the United States temporarily by the distribution of \$75,000,000 in emergency currency in the subtreasuries of six cities, the question of international exchange loomed up today as the gravest financial problem which this Government now faces.

With cargoes of cotton and grain held up at every port on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, unable to move because of the complete breakdown of foreign exchange, Secretary McAdoo, Controller of the Currency, Williams, and other officials have been working in motion to relieve the situation.

Serious consideration is being given by the Treasury Department to the question of helping to establish an international clearing house to permit the resumption of world trade. Efforts will be made to bring foreign exchange bankers of this country and the leading European centers into agreement on some workable basis of exchange.

As a means of moving the grain cargoes now piling up at American ports, it has been suggested that a plan of offsetting balances owed by American bankers abroad against payments for grain shipments be adopted. Serious consideration today is being given to this angle of the financial situation.

### Money Sent to Six Cities.

Comptroller of the Currency Williams announced today that although the bulk of the emergency currency sent out had gone to New York, express shipments also were sent to the subtreasuries at Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Baltimore. Baltimore's share was between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

None of the currency has been issued to banks up until noon today, according to Treasury officials, but it is held at the subtreasuries subject to the call of the banks which have joined National Currency Associations.

In response to requests from banks in cities where National Currency Associations have not been organized, Comptroller Williams announced that banks in such cities may deal with currency associations in the nearest city having such an association in their Federal reserve district. Comptroller Williams also announced that the National Currency Association, Cleveland, bankers were advised that they could either join the Cleveland association or organize one of their own.

Comptroller Williams reiterated the statement that for the time being the financial crisis in this country are serene. He would not attempt to predict what may happen as the war progresses, but he said the patriotic loyalty shown in Congress and by bankers in co-operating with the Treasury Department in relief measures had relieved a situation which a few hours before had grown acute.

### Pass Currency Bill.

The House today agreed unanimously to conference report on the emergency currency bill, making available to national banks approximately \$1,000,000 if there should be demand for the currency notes to any national bank to the amount of 25 per cent of its capital and surplus. A gold reserve of not less than 5 per cent must be deposited by the subscribing bank. It is estimated that if this emergency issue is taken advantage of to the fullest extent more than \$300,000,000 of emergency currency may be issued.

The Senate within ten minutes of the passage of the bill by the House, adopted it unanimously without discussion. Senator Bristow criticized the measure as amended. He said the amount of currency which could be issued was too large and, as for the gold reserve, it should be at least 10 per cent. The bill will be immediately signed by President Wilson.

### Cabinet Members Quit To Join French Colors

PARIS, Aug. 4.—In order to have more time for his duties as premier, Rene Viviani today announced his withdrawal as foreign minister. Former Premier Doumergue was tendered and accepted the post of minister of foreign affairs.

Ministers Gauthier, Piri, and Jacquier resigned today. The two last named joined the colors without waiting for acceptance of their resignations. Gauthier's resignation was accepted and former Deputy Augemeur named in his stead. Albert Sarraute, his named for the vacant post of minister of instruction.

The cabinet changes cement the radical in power. Viviani's cabinet was formed originally of a coalition of radical and socialist members. It was a severe blow to the right, and the ministry formed by Ribot to sustain a vote of confidence in the chamber. Viviani himself had also failed, just before Ribot, to form a cabinet.

Politics, however, seem forgotten in the war crisis now over France.

### French Embassy Staff Delays Return to City

A telegram received at the French embassy today from Charge d'Affaires Clusseau announced that the embassy staff would not return to Washington at the present time. It is understood the delay is only for a few days, however, and that the charge and his assistants will leave Manchester before the end of the week.

A number of the attaches of the British embassy arrived in Washington today and quickly plunged into the mass of business which awaited them. Several under secretaries were left at Manchester for temporary duty, but they too, will be in Washington within a few days.

## Holland Is Reported In Settled Condition

Reports received today by the International Navigation Company from its agents in Amsterdam indicate an improved condition of affairs in Holland today. The text of the report, though not forthcoming, was followed by the announcement that the Vatterland, of the Red Star line, would be dispatched from New York Saturday for Antwerp.

The vessel reached New York today from Antwerp, and a force of stowaways and longshoremen was put to work at once to discharge the cargo and arrange for loading for the return trip. Regular sailings are still maintained by the Holland-American, the Anchor, and Scandinavian lines. It was said at the Washington agency of the lines today.

Among those not previously reported who have left Washington for European points since July 1 by way of the French line are Mrs. H. E. Jester, Ernest Daroudest, Miss Marie Eugene, Louis Bather, Reno Ligneol, wife and daughter, Dr. Jerome C. Chase, and C. C. Lamborn.

## Navy Yards May Put Merchantmen in Shape

Government navy yards will be put to work putting merchant vessels flying the American flag in condition to handle the commerce between this country and Europe if an amendment to the House bill permitting American registry of foreign ships is adopted.

The bill was received by the Senate and referred to the Inter-oceanic Canals Committee of which Senator O'Gorman is chairman. Final action is not expected until tomorrow.

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| 29 Smart Spring Suits, sold up to \$40.      | \$7.50  |
| To close                                     |         |
| 21 Cool Summer Dresses, sold up to \$20.     | \$5.00  |
| To close                                     |         |
| 17 Smart Linen Suits, sold up to \$25.       | \$7.50  |
| To close                                     |         |
| 25 Stylish Summer Dresses, sold up to \$25.  | \$10.00 |
| To close                                     |         |
| 37 Handsome Summer Dresses, sold up to \$40. | \$15.00 |
| To close                                     |         |
| 19 Handsome Silk Dresses, sold up to \$45.   | \$15.00 |
| To close                                     |         |
| 13 Cloth and Silk Suits, sold up to \$65.    | \$15.00 |
| To close                                     |         |
| 18 Spring Coats and Capes, sold up to \$25.  | \$10.00 |
| To close                                     |         |
| 27 Spring Coats and Capes, sold up to \$40.  | \$15.00 |
| To close                                     |         |
| Hundreds of Waists, sold up to \$5.50.       | \$1.95  |
| To close                                     |         |
| Hundreds of Waists, sold up to \$7.50.       | \$2.95  |
| To close                                     |         |
| Hundreds of Waists, sold up to \$10.00.      | \$3.95  |
| To close                                     |         |

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